

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES)
OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY,)
INC.)

CASE NO. 8281

O R D E R

On the 10th day of July 1981, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") filed its Notice with the Commission wherein it proposes to increase its rates for gas service rendered on and after the 1st day of August 1981.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that a hearing and investigation will be necessary in order to determine the reasonableness of the proposed rates and that such investigation cannot be completed prior to the proposed effective date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That the proposed rates, charges and classifications be and they hereby are suspended and the application of the rates is deferred for a period of five months on and after the 1st day of August 1981.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Columbia shall at least 20 days prior to September 4, 1981 (the date by which Requests for Information are to be submitted to Columbia) mail to each customer a typewritten or printed notice of the proposed rates and charges setting forth the place, date and hour of hearing. Alternatively, Columbia shall publish once a week for three consecutive weeks in

a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the areas served by Columbia, a notice setting forth the place, date and hour of hearing, the proposed rates and charges as set forth in the Application, and the schedule of procedure contained in the Commission's Order entered July 28, 1981, one of said notices to be published not more than 21 days or less than seven days prior to September 4, 1981. Said notice or publication shall include the following language:

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. However, the Public Service Commission may, after evidentiary hearings, order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in an increase in rates for consumers other than those rates included in this notice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the notice or publication shall also include a statement to the effect that any corporation, association, body politic or person may by timely motion request leave to intervene. The motion should be submitted to the Public Service Commission, 730 Schenkel Lane, P. O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602, and should set forth the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. The notice or publication shall further provide that copies of the Application and supporting documents including the prepared testimony of the witnesses for Columbia may be obtained by contacting Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., 99 North Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That nothing contained herein shall prevent the Commission from entering further Orders in this matter

in the event the proceedings in this case shall be terminated by final Order and/or otherwise prior to the termination of the five month period of suspension.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28th day of July 1981.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Marlin N. Cook
For the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary